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From: John Hankinson

To: Hon. Bob Barn

Re: GE Rome site

Comments (Include Redaction of Documents): _____

File Reviewed By: Pauline Anderson

Date: 2/12/01

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Date: _____

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Agency Freedom of Information Officer (1105)
 United States Environmental Protection Agency
 401 M Street, S.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20460
 RE: _____ - RIN - _____
 (EPA Request Identification Number Assigned to FOIA Request)

Honorable Bob Barr
House of Representatives
1207 Longworth House Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1007

SITE: GE ROME
BREAK: 14.1
OTHER: 29181

Dear Congressman Barr:

Thank you for your letter dated November 1, 2000, regarding the reports of PCB contamination in Rome, Georgia, spreading beyond the borders of the closed General Electric (GE) facility. It was a pleasure for Dick Green and I to meet with you on November 9, 2000, to discuss this matter in depth.

Please be assured that we are moving forward to address concerns posed by this site using a combined Federal/State response approach. This Agency and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (the State) are working together closely to ensure that all site issues are addressed as expeditiously and efficiently as possible. Currently, GE is conducting corrective action at the GE facility and is looking at offsite contamination pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit issued by the State.

As part of this combined response effort, my staff is conducting further Superfund site assessment activities to determine whether the National Priorities Listing is warranted and whether an immediate threat to human health or the environment exists as a result of operations at the GE facility. My staff collected soil samples during the week of November 13, 2000, in the areas of Tolbert Park, West Central Elementary, West End Elementary and Anna K. Elementary Schools, as well as selected flood prone residential areas along Horseleg Creek, Little Dry Creek and the Coosa River. The results of this sampling event will be discussed with the State so that the appropriate follow-up measures are taken.

If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me or the Office of External Affairs at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

John H. Hankinson, Jr.
Regional Administrator

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cc: Harold Reheis, Georgia EPD

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**Controlled Correspondence For
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Congressional

CONTROL NO : R4-0000320-C
ALT. NUMBER: OCA-7695

ORIG. DUE DATE: 11/22/2000

STATUS: PENDING

CORRES. DATE: 11/01/2000
RECEIVED DATE: 11/08/2000
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FROM: BARR, BOB (R-GA)
ORG: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SALUTATION: DEAR CONGRESSMAN BARR
CONSTITUENT:

TO: HANKINSON/JOHN
TO ORG: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
SUBJECT: REPORTS OF PCB CONTAMINATION IN ROME, GA SPREADING BEYOND
THE BORDERS OF THE CLOSED GE MEDIUM TRANSFORMER PLANT

ASSIGNED: Waste Management Division

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SIGNATURE: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
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